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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN SITUATION

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1. PAN AM EXECUTIVE BROWN AND LOCAL MANAGER DAVISON CALLED AT THE EMBASSY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 14 AND WENT OVER APPROXIMATELY SAME GROUND AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL A. BROWN STATED THAT WILSON WAS HAVING LUNCH WITH MINCOMMUNICATIONS ANZUETO THAT DAY.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY BROWN AND DAVISON INFORMED US THAT WILSON'S MEETING WITH MINISTER HAD BEEN MOST FRUITFUL, AND AT LEAST FOR THE SHORT RUN PROBLEM HAD BEEN SOLVED. THEY SAID WILSON WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE MINISTER HE HAD BEEN MIS-INFORMED ON MAY POINTS RE PAN AM, PARTICULARLY ON THE EXTENT OF PAN AM'S COMPETITION WITH AVIATECA ON VARIOUS ROUTES. THEY SAID MINISTER HAD RESCINDED PARTIAL REJECTION OF SCHEDULE AND PAN AM CAN OPERATE UNTIL OCTOBER 28 ON SCHEDULE THEY HAD REQUESTED, INCLUDING NEW ORLEANS RUN AND, SURPRISINGLY, FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC GUATEMALA-SAN PEDRO SULA.

3. MINISTER APPOINTED VICE MINISTER BELTRANENA TO NEGOTIATE WITH PAN AM ON SCHEDULE TO GO INTO EFFECT SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER 28, AND LOCAL PAN AM EMPLOYEE LUIS PORRAS, A GOOD FRIEND OF BELTRANENA'S, WILL BE THE PAN
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AM REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TALKS. THEY ARE TO

MEET DURING THE NEXT TEN DAYS TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULE. BROWN, WHO RETURNED TO U.S. YESTERDAY, WILL RETURN TO GUATEMALA BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULE WITH ANZUETO.

4. ADDITIONALLY, ANZUETO TOOK AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DENY SCHEDULE CHANGES AWAY FROM DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND WILL ASSUME THIS FUNCTION HIMSELF.

5. COMMENT: STATUS OF PAN AM PROBLEM AT PRESENT APPEARS MOST ENCOURAGING, BUT WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF PROBLEMS ARISE DURING THE ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY NEW SCHEDULE.
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